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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0022] as follows:

[0022] Referring now to FIG. 1, a semi-schematic perspective view of a medicine package 10 comprising a template 12 provided in accordance with aspects of the present invention is shown. The exemplary medicine package 10 is a packaging box or housing for a container containing children's medicine, which in the figure shown is a Cold & Cough medicine for children. Similar to conventional medicine packages, the package 10 shown includes a BRAND_x product label 14 and general information about the ingestible product packaged within, such as information regarding treatable symptoms 16, product warning 18, directions 20 for use, active ingredients 22, dose chart 24, etc. Although children's medicine is identified on the cover of package 10, the package may contain other ingestible products, such as liquid cough medicine, prescription drugs, dietary supplements (in liquid, powder, or pill form), nutritional supplements, vitamins, or any other number of commercially available ingestible products.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] In one exemplary embodiment, the template 12 comprises a recordable surface 26 defined by a plurality of sides and/or edges for recording ingestible product consumed. The ~~[[sides-]]~~sides and edges may include marked lines connoting a boundary or may be a physical boundary, such as a physical edge. As used elsewhere herein, a recordable surface is any surface capable of recording information about the ingestible product. Such information includes information regarding the time the product was consumed, the dosage or volume consumed, the type of product consumed, the name of the individual to be tracked, and/or the next period for taking the ingestible product.

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

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[0024] The template 12 may be a defined region of the package 10, such as a marked or segregated region on the package, a region on the package separated from the product information, or an add-on feature of the package capable of recording information about the ingestible product. An add-on feature may include, but are not limited to, POST-IT® note pads, note pads with perforated tear lines, magnetic magic drawing slate, and magic slate comprising a lift-able plastic film added onto the package 10 for recording information about the ingestible product consumed. If a POST-IT® adhesive backed note pad or a perforated note pad with tear lines is incorporated, one or more sheets representing one or more templates may be used. If more than one sheet is contemplated, two to twenty sheets may be sufficient for recording consumed information for the entire content of the container.

Please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:

[0031] Turning now to FIG. 5, an alternative template 48 comprising an optional identifier 40 and an array of recording fields 42 on the recordable surface 26 are shown. In the exemplary embodiment, the template 48 does not incorporate pre-formatted fields. Preferably the recording fields 42 are sufficiently large to permit free-hand recording of any information desired by the recorder. In the example shown, the recording fields 42 are recorded with the name and the time a dosage was taken without referencing the dosage. This may be a situation, for example, when only one child is being tracked, the child's age and weight are known, and the information on the label 36 or package 10 about the ingestible product already contains information about the dosage for a child falling within a particular age and/or weight range. In other words, recording the dosage, if the dosage chart is followed, would be redundant.

Please amend paragraph [0036] as follows:

[0036] In another alternative embodiment, an add-on feature, such as a POST-IT® note pad or a note-pad with perforated lines, may comprise multiple sheets corresponding to multiple templates. For example, the note pad may comprise one or more than one of each of the

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templates shown in FIGs. 3-7 so that as the individual begins his recording, he may tear out (or peel off) a template that he does not want and discard it before beginning recording on a particular template he desires. Referring again to FIG. 8, the template 56 may be part of a note pad 60 comprising a plurality of template sheets 56. As previously discussed, the note pad 60 may incorporate perforated lines 64 as shown for tearing off an individual template sheet 56 from the note pad or each sheet may include adhesive backing for lifting the individual sheets, preferably one at a time, to remove them from the note pad 60. The templates 12, 48, 50, 52 shown in FIGs. 1-7 may all be part of a note pad comprising a plurality of template sheets.